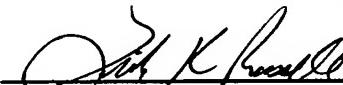


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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/FR03/01479	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE May 15, 2003	U.S. APPLICATION NO. (if known, see 37 CFR 1.5) <b>107516962</b> Not yet assigned
TITLE OF INVENTION <b>Lever-actuated high-pressure gas tap adjustable to different bottle necks</b>		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US L'Air Liquide, Société Anonyme à Directoire et Conseil de Surveillance pour l'Etude et l'Exploitation des Procédés Georges Claude		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
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<p>Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821- 1.825.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: <b>International Search Report</b></li> </ol>		

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21. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The following fees are submitted: <b>BASIC NATIONAL FEE (CFR 1.492(a)(1)-(5)):</b> Neither international preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) nor international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO and International Search Report not prepared by the EPO or JPO..... \$1100.00 International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) not paid to USPTO but International Search Report prepared by the EPO or JPO ..... \$950.00 International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) not paid to USPTO but international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO ..... \$780.00 International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) paid to USPTO but all claims did not satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) ..... \$750.00 International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) paid to USPTO and all claims satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) ..... \$100.00 <b>ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT = \$ 950</b>		<b>CALCULATIONS</b> <b>PTO USE ONLY</b>			
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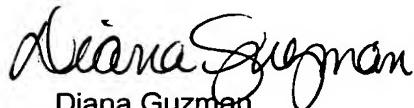
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